November 29, 2012 meeting minutes Cambridge GLBT Commission

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2012

Call to Order.

Kevin Shpritzer recorded these minutes.

Agenda for the November 29 meeting was accepted.

The minutes of the October 25 meeting were approved.

<u>Commissioners Present:</u> John Gintell, Steven Lee, Kevin Shpritzer, Aren Stone, Mike McKenna, Bob Parlin, Mal Malme, Maggie Giles, Lesley Phillips

<u>Commissioners Absent:</u> (excused) – Dana Zircher, Jeff Walker, Neil MacInnes-Barker, Caitlin Drechsler, Rebecca Caira-Davila, Gregory Grays-Thomas, Robert Coats

Guests: Kara Smith (Cambridge resident interested in becoming a commissioner)

I. Introductions

II. Cambridge Community Charter School

- a. Bob conferred via telephone with Monica from CCCS.
- b. They enjoyed coming to the Commission meeting last month
- c. Scheduled their first GSA meeting for two weeks ago. We haven't received an update as to how it went.
- d. Bob offered to do a staff training for the school.
- e. Mal plans to follow up with CCCS as well.

III. Police Department Report

- a. The 12/6 focus group at the police department in East Cambridge will be attended by a number of commissioners.
- b. They will be looking for ideas for ways in which the police force can better serve the community.
- c. Chris Burke will be arranging another GOAL (Gay Officers Action League) training for twelve new recruits to the Cambridge police force and is working to getting the Lowell Police Academy involved in GOAL training.

IV. New Members

- a. We have received one application for our commissioner vacancies.
- b. Mike will be sending an email to our mailing list to promote the positions.
- c. Deadline for applications has been extended to December 10.
- d. We will repost on Facebook, email lists, and try to get a notice on the city website.
- e. We would like to interview potential commissioners ASAP.
- f. Kevin will work to schedule interviews.

V. Town Meeting Report

- a. Not too many general citizens at the meeting. Most attendees were connected to the organizers of the meeting.
- b. There was a feeling from the "social" breakout group that there is no place to gather for LGBT people.
- c. The Police Commissioner was at the "public safety" group.
- d. Mal worked with the "health" breakout group.
- e. John attended the "seniors" group.
- f. We will review the report when we receive it from the Vice Mayor's office

VI. Brother Outsider Film Showing

- a. Aren told Priscilla Lee that we would like to show this movie next year.
- b. March or April would work best. We could use the movie to publicize the Bayard Rustin Service award and launch the nomination process.
- c. Possibility of a panel after the showing.
- d. Maggie, Steven, Aren, Mal, Bob would like to be involved in the planning of this.
- e. Aren will get the ball rolling.
- f. It may be nice to get the CCCS involved in the showing. Bob will mention this to them.

VII. Finances

- a. There are some rules around spending, particularly for the Youth on Fire donation that we are hoping to do.
- b. We agreed to allocate \$300 for this
- c. We need to purchase actual goods as opposed to making a monetary donation.
- d. We need clarification on the deadline for the donations and what items are still needed
- e. Maggie will call to inquire.

VIII. Communications

- a. More studies on Google Group are needed before a final decision is made.
- b. Web pages Steven is working to research this.
 - i. John is inquiring about whether or not we can update our own webpage as opposed to going through the city to make every update.
- c. We will not be paying for an email service.

IX. Senior Project and Youth Project

- a. John thinks we need a paid intern to take care of surveying city groups.
- b. Someone needs to go to all facilities that care for seniors in Cambridge, survey them about their current practices and needs, and suggest training when appropriate.
- c. Perhaps we could find exemplars in the community and use these as evidence for why we need a paid staff member to help us.
- d. John will meet with Ellen Semonoff and Rich Rossi next week to see if we can get some Human Services Department ownership for these projects.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm